has requested for setting up a Bench of the High Court at Rajkot. The Chief Justice of the High Court has, however, opined that it would not be in the interest of the institution to have a Circuit Bench of the High Court at Rajkot.

Functioning of Fast Track Courts

400. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Fast Track Courts set up in the country as on 31st December, 2001, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Fast Track Courts that have been established are not running to the satisfaction of the people and Government;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken by Government to improve the functioning of the Fast Track Courts; and

(e) the number of cases pending before the Fast Track Courts, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) As per available information, as on 31.01.2002. 1015 Fast Track Courts have been set up throughout the country. A Statement showing the number of courts set up State-wise is placed at statement-I (*see* below).

(b) and (c) As per information available, the Scheme is running satisfactorily. The print and visual media have also been highlighting the Scheme. After the Scheme has come into force, 1015 courts have been set up. out of 64,290 cases transferred to Fast Track Courts 18,875 cases have already been disposed of.

(d) The Sub-ordinate judiciary including the Fast Track Courts is under the administrative control of the concerned High Court and the State Government. the shortcomings noticed, if any, are being looked into by them. Necessary clarifications, as and when sought by the State Governments/High Courts are also issued by the Central Government periodically on various aspects of the functioning of Fast Track Courts.

(e) Out of 64,290 cases which were transferred to these courts, 45,415 cases are pending in various States. As statement showing the number of cases transferred to, disposed and pending in the Fast Track Courts is placed as Statement-II.

Statement I

No. of Fast Track Courts Notified / Set up in various states in the country

Sl. No.	Name of High Court	No. of courts functioning
1.	Andhra Pradesh	46
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3
3.	Assam	15
4.	Bihar	183
5.	Chhattisgarh	29
6.	Goa	—
7.	Gujarat	36
8.	Haryana	12
9.	Himachal Pradesh	—
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	43
11.	Jharkhand	20
12.	Karnataka	13
13.	Kerala	26
14.	Madhya Pradesh	64
15.	Maharashtra	104
16.	Manipur	2
17.	Meghalaya	3
18.	Mizoram	3
19.	Nagaland	2
20.	Orissa	19
21.	Punjab	36
22.	Rajasthan	40
23.	Sikkim	—
24.	Tamil Nadu	49
25.	Tripura	3
26.	Uttaranchal	45
27.	Uttar Pradesh	206
28.	West Bengal	13
		1015

Statement II

The number of cases transferred to and disposed of and pending in the Fast Track Courts

Sl.No.	Name of State	No. of cases transferred to FTCs	No. of cases disposed off by FTCs	No. of cases pending in the FTCs
1.	Andhra Pradesh	6008	1731	4277
2.	Bihar	6610	408	6202
3.	Chhattisgarh	1207	523	684
4.	Karnataka	527	—	527
5.	Madhya Pradesh	1945	808	1137
6.	Maharashtra	15233	6784	8449
7.	Orissa	5762	1412	4350
8.	Uttaranchal	19851	5289	14562
9.	Rajasthan	6609	1880	4729
10.	West Bengal	538	40	498
	TOTAL	64290	18875	45415

Complaints received by Investors' Protection Cell

401. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received by the Investors 'Protection Cell from Investors during the last one year;

(b) the number of complaints settled during the said period, along-with the number of pending complaints; and

(c) the fresh steps taken / proposed to be taken for early amicable solution of the pending complaints?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) During the last year 7230 complaints were received by the Investors Protection Cell from the Investors.